

**Billy Hargis**  
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Billy Hargis is a Tennessee native and received his undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota (B.S. 1980), his Master of Science Training at the University of Georgia (Poultry Science, 1983) and his D.V.M and Ph.D. training at the University of Minnesota (Ph.D. 1987). From 1987 - 2000, Hargis was a faculty member in the Departments of Veterinary Pathobiology and Poultry Science, Texas A&M University, where he was promoted through the ranks of Assistant Professor to Professor. He joined the Center of Excellence in Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas on September 1, 2000, as Professor and Director of the Poultry Health Research Laboratory. In 2006, Hargis was named the Sustainable Poultry Health Chair, an endowed position funded by the Tyson Family with a match from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation. He is a diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, teaches in the undergraduate and graduate poultry science program, and has served on the PSA Board and as a section editor for JAPR. He has advised or co-advised more than 70 graduate students who are all considered colleagues, friends and family. His laboratory has been recognized by several awards including the Carrington Laboratories Research Award (1991), the Poultry Science Association Research Award (1993), USDA Certificate of Merit for Scientific Leadership (1994), the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Faculty Research Award (1994), the National Broiler Council Research Award (1998), the Texas A&M University Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Research (2000), the Poultry Science Association Award for Achievement in Poultry Science (2001), the Frank Perdue Live Poultry Food Safety Research Award (2009), and the John White Division of Agriculture Research Award (2011). He is widely known for his love of family, friends, colleagues and beer. In 2015, Hargis was elected as a Fellow of the Poultry Science Association for long-term contributions to the poultry industry, academia, and the Poultry Science Association. His research, over the last 25 years, has focused on alternatives to antibiotics for health, performance and reduction of food-borne pathogens in poultry.